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COMBINATION SALE

HIGH CLASS

Registered Hereford Cattle

BOTH SEXES

IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, MARCH 15TH, 1907.

The Why and Wherefore. The advantages resulting from the use of improved bulls have been so great and are so apparent to every one that the face of certain large loss in a short time from fever. The great expense of getting these improved bulls to their ranges in addition to the risk of loss has deterred many from using the class of bulls they should use. With a view of meeting the wants of the rangemen, the sellers are making this sale whereby the buyers are relieved of the expense of shipping and delay, also the risks from fever. These cattle having been raised below the quarantine line are immune. The major part of this offering is of animals that are of ages that qualify them for heavy duty this season. As to the quality of cattle in this sale, the sellers assure prospective buyers that they are not culled, but are representative animals of the herds from which they come. As evidence of the high quality of the offerings, will state that among them will be found animals that were ribbon wearers at the past Fall Fair. Sol Mayer & Bro., J. B. Salyer, Riverside Hereford Cattle Co., H. Albert Shaw, S. L. & J. E. Henderson, C. W. B. Collyns, Lee Bros.

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J. B. SALYER
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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Dynamite's Dastardly Deed.

The Standard received a phone message Thursday afternoon stating that the home of W. T. Cook at Comanche was blown by dynamite Wednesday night.

The dynamite was placed beneath the room occupied by Cook's 17-year-old daughter and that portion of the house was wrecked by the explosion. The girl was taken from the debris in an unconscious condition and she is supposed to be fatally injured. The guilty party had not been apprehended at the time the message was received.

From the circumstances surrounding the outrage it is believed that the dastardly crime was an act of jealousy or revenge and was intended as an assassination of the girl.

Program B. Y. P. U.

Leader—D. L. Bishop.
Scripture Reading, Luke 12: 1-5.
3; Joshua 24-14—Leader.
Sincerity, What it is, and its place in Character and Life—Miss Johnnye Tolliver.
What Did Jesus Say About Hypocrisy—P. C. Shilling.
Song.
Can We Cultivate the Grace of Sincerity—Miss Bertha McCabe.
Are Our Gifts Worth While Unless the Heart is Right—J. E. Greer.
Get Right with God—J. Madara.
Closing Exercises.

Mrs. J. L. Morrow left last Saturday for Morgan, Tex., in response to a telegram informing her that her mother was very ill.

Liquor Shipments On The Decrease.

That the express companies in the state have no serious intention of paying the required \$5,000 as a license for the privilege of handling C. O. D. liquor shipments, may be seen by a visit to the local offices. Before the passage of the bill covering this point, the express offices at the railroad station handled from 250 to 300 packages daily from local dealers to points in the dry counties in the western part of the state. These were to be paid for at the station. One agent stated yesterday that his company had handled as high as 100 cases from a local dealer in one day, but this has been cut off by recent act of the legislature and now the pasteboard boxes marked "Liquor C. O. D." are missing.

The passage of this bill is greatly regretted by all the express companies from the reason that each package meant at least a revenue of 20 cents which for one office would amount to as much as \$30 for one day and consequently considerable furor has been created over the matter. The local

agents are abiding by the legislature's ruling but the matter will be taken up by the companies and some of the prominent liquor dealers of this city and Dallas and the constitutionality of the act will be tested.

Before the passage of the bill requiring the fee, it was a common sight in the express offices of the dry counties to see twenty-five to forty cases of liquor which had been sent C. O. D. waiting for the caller.

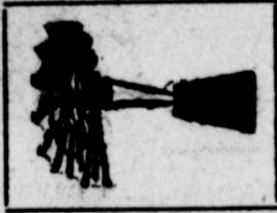
This evasion of the local option law became so objectionable to the supporters of prohibition that the fore-going mentioned bill was passed and now the parties affected in the deal are determined to make a test of the constitutionality of the act.—Fort Worth Record.

In Memoriam.

Death is abroad in our land plucking one here and there, even the buds from our bouquets. His angel hovered over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tullas on Feb. 21st and took from them their little nine-year-old daughter, Nora. She was the idol of her home. Dear loved ones we know it was hard to give her up, but God knew best. May you all be prepared to meet her on the banks of sweet deliverance, is my prayer.

A friend.

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WE OFFER
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HARDWARE, (genuine) BAKER
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Mail Orders receive the same careful attention as those personally given.

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When it is well made and is up to the latest modern styles. We make it our special aim to carry the product of the best factories of the country. Our customers may be sure of finding at this store ALL THE LATEST STYLES in good furniture. With the very latest styles we combine quality and low prices. We can furnish you with anything in our line from a single piece to a full set. When in Angelo come and see us.

A. S. Gantt & Son,

The Leading Furniture Dealers of San Angelo.

It was unanimously resolved to send a vote of thanks to our worthy state senator and representative for their efforts in behalf of Senate Bill No. 60 and House Bills Nos. 193 and 147.

Having worked the required number of hours, a motion to adjourn Friday at noon carried.

New Spring Goods Arriving Daily

Our stock of Spring Goods, which is one of the largest lines ever brought to the county, have begun to arrive. It consists of **Everything in Correct Wearing Apparel.** Call and inspect our stock and get prices, which means that you will do your trading here. Come and see for yourself.

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From Ft. Chadbourne

As our writer seems to be silent for some time, I will give you a little news from our city. Ft. Chadbourne is growing and going up, also a hotel. We had news from the Orient headquarters saying they would be down this week to lay off our town. They already have the plot drawn up. Then Chadbourne will come to the front, and when the city capitol gets her jail, and we get that good road to Robert Lee you will see the whole country on a boom. In two years from now Chadbourne will be a booming city of the Orient.

Miss Dessa Callaway entertained quite a number of her friends last Friday evening. Refreshments were served.

The young people are preparing a program for an entertainment, for the benefit of building a Presbyterian church in the new town. They are beginning to make good preparations for it. We hope we will have the good help from all, we need a church here very bad, and why not make a start now. The management of the childrens part will be under Winnie Clift and Mary McDonald who will do their best we know to train the children. We expect this to be one of the best entertainments known in the history

of Chadbourne. Why of course we can have a success, for we have an intelligent crowd of young people, so if all of our young people will help we will show the people what we can do. Our girls have ordered the music and the plays. The program will consist of recitations music, drills and all that it takes to make up a nice program. Hope we may have the help of all.

The program will be published later on.

A Subscriber.

For weak kidneys and lame back use DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Best for lumbago, rheumatism, bladder and other troubles arising from bad blood. They cleanse the kidneys and clear system. Indorsed and sold by Evans & Lyster.

A deal has been closed whereby the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company division roundhouse and repair shops are to be located at Hamhn, Texas and the work is to commence within ninety days.

Do You Know Ada DeBord?

A letter from the Galveston News, and reading as follows may be of interest to relatives of Ada DeBord:

Valez., ~~March~~, Jan. 26, 1907.

I want you to help me locate some of the relatives of Charles R. DeBord, who dropped dead here of heart disease. He leaves property valued at between \$5,000 and \$6,000—that is, city property and cash, \$1,000, and some good mining property that I cannot say what it is worth. I want you to advertise for his brothers and sisters.

We found some letters in his trunk, several from a sister in Texas, who was teaching school at that time—1889-90—and the latest one was 1891, addressed to him in Deming, N. M. She taught school in Manor, Tex., Nolanville, Tex., and Ballinger, Tex. Her name was Ada DeBord, his mother was living at that time.

He was born in 1855 and from in 1880. I will also send you a letter from a cousin of his. Hoping you will

NEW LIVERY STABLE

We have recently bought the Blue Front Livery Stable, on the south side of the square and will re-furnish it with first-class vehicles and fresh horses. We want a share of your patronage and will treat you right.

...TWO MAIL LINES...

We have also bought the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail and Express Line and the Robert Lee and Sweetwater Mail and Express Line; and will give careful attention to the handling of express, packages and passengers.

PERRY & MCAULEY,

Proprietors.

Notice Farmers.

I am in need of money. Those who owe me for ginning will please come in and settle at once. NOAH & DAY.

—New line of buggy and wagon whips at the Racket store.

W. C. T. U. Contest.

The third of a series of W. C. T. U. contest will be given at the First Baptist Church, March 8th. A silver medal will be awarded the contestant receiving the highest grade. An interesting after program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and readings will be rendered.

—Use pure Cascade baking powder and get a nice premium with each can, rocking chair, set of dishes, etc. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Mr. W. R. Masey and Mrs. Millie Volentine both of Tennyson, were married in this city Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Rev. M. W. Daily. Rev. Daily speaking the the ceremony. The Observer wishes Mr. and Mrs. Masey happiness through life.

To My Patrons.

I have adopted the cash system for the future, and all work done at my shop will be cash hereafter. I appreciate the patronage received the past year and desire a continuance of your patronage and friendship. TOM CROSS.

OUR BIG LUMBER YARD

Is one of the largest in the West. We always have what you want and supply it to you at the very lowest prices and at the same time give you good material. See or write us for an estimate and what you want.

SMITH & ROBERTSON, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

J. H. BURROUGHS, Local Representative.

—New line of chinaware just received at the Racket Store.

John Patteson and Chas. Roe will leave Saturday for San Antonio. Mr. Patteson goes on business and Mr. Roe to attend the grand lodge I. O. O. F.

do all in your power to locate his brother and sisters. I remain, yours sincerely,

H. B. Wynn,

A Favorite Remedy For Babies

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. For sale by Evans and Lyster.

Mr. Alex. Ferguson and Mrs. Maggie Hall were married last Saturday in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis. Judge P. D. Coulson performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson left Sunday for Sterling City where they will make their future home.

—Just received a big shipment of leather goods. The most complete line ever shown in Coke county. The best collar in West Texas for the money. Lane Hardware Co.

Paint that House With



Ruckers' Durable Paint.

Covers More and Costs Less.

Used exclusively by U. S. Gov. on public works. Oils, Varnish and Painters' Supplies kept in stock.

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Handsomest Line of Wall Paper at Lowest prices.

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A Life Scholarship for \$50.

We secure positions for our Graduates. Write or phone us.

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THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

In the Future Our Prices Will be as Follows:

Board per month without room.....	\$12.00
Board " " with room.....	14.00
Board and Lodging per week.....	4.00
Board " " " day.....	1.25

B. F. Tubb & Son.

It Is Unlawful
To Ship Whiskey C. O. D.

SEND \$3.50 TO
Eddie Maier, San Angelo,

And get the best gallon jug of Whiskey you ever bought for the money

—For first class photo work at reasonable prices go to Chas. Goss.

M. Byrd of Sanco was in the city Wednesday on business.

—The highest market price paid for hides and furs by McCallum-Reed Co

W. R. Preslar was in the city Wednesday and paid us a pleasant call.

FOR SALE—A good milch cow. Apply at photo tent in Court house yard. E. Powers.

S. S. Craddock of Sanco was in the city Thursday on business.

—I will have in a full carload of the best in furniture in a few days. See my stock, W. K. Simpson.

Rev. Mathews of Silver was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

—We are exclusive agents for celebrated Sherwin-Williams paints. See us before you paint your house. Lane Hardware Co.

F. M. Prichard one of the Divides prominent citizens was in Thursday with a consignment of sweet potatoes.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, Organ and singer sewing machine. Both good as new. Call at tent in Court house yard. E. Powers.

J. F. Cole was in from Sanco Thursday on business. He ordered his figures set ahead on the Observer and also ordered the Dallas News for a year.

Walter Perry and Cal McAuley have purchased the Acton livery stable on the south side of the square. They also purchased an interest in the Robert Lee and San Angelo mail line.

—I am now located in the Court house yard with my photo tent doing first-class photo work at reasonable prices and giving my customers good work. Call and see me. I have tried to get out making stamp photos but can't so I will make stamps all next week. On account of stock not arriving I will be compelled to stay here one more week. E. Powers.

Patteson and Merchant sold the following tracts of land this week: To H. S. Weeks 160 acres out of the Harris ranch at \$15 per acre.

To H. T. Carter 60 acres out of same ranch at \$15 per acre. To W. R. Evans, 320 acres on Divide at \$7 per acre.

For Chas. Roe to J. L. Morrow 160 acres north of town at \$16 per acre.

—We co-operate with land men everywhere, so it does not matter where your property is located, list it with us and we will do the rest. Robert Lee Real Estate Co.

J. N. Buchanan and A. J. Taylor bought out the Etheredge & McLaughlin market this week and consolidated the two markets.

—See me for screen doors. I will receive a large stock at an early date. W. K. Simpson.

Austin Spencer & Co., San Angelo, will continue to sell goods for 20 days at lower prices than ever.

The Robert Lee Livery Stable,

POSEY & ROE, Proprietors.

Hay, Corn, Bran, Oats and
All Kinds of Feedstuffs

My horses are all good drivers and my vehicles are the very best. I want to serve you.

W. C. T. U. Contest at Edith.

Miss Eula Bean won the W. C. T. U. medal at Edith Saturday night in the oratorical contest given by Misses Mattie and Bessie Carder. Miss Ether Reed received second highest grade. The contest was close, and the contestants acquitted themselves creditably.

Rev. Reed's talk on temperance was enjoyed by all.

A splendid after program was rendered by the pupils of Miss Carder. The church was filled with appreciated listeners.

—We have a nicely improved 81-acre farm near Buckholt, Milam county, Texas, valued at \$2,000, and \$1,000 cash to pay on section in Coke county. Call on or address Robert Lee Real Estate Co., Robert Lee, Texas.

—J. H. Burroughs represents Smith & Robertson in Robert Lee. Let him figure your lumber bill.

Our Flour!

Royal Owl,

\$2.60 per hundred, best on earth.

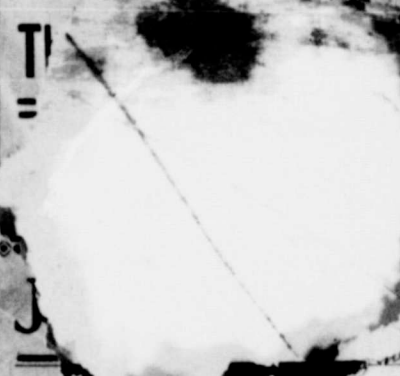
White Wave,

\$2.25 per hundred, equal to any special patent.

White Rose,

\$2 per hundred, high patent.

These brands are absolutely the best brands to be had.



BOOTS, SHOES, SADDLES OR HARNESS

in the best of style and at a nominal cost. When you have any repairing to do in this line let me do it. Shop in rear of Lane Hardware Co.'s Store.

Plow and Wagon Work.

I am ready with plenty of good material to do your plow work or make any repairs to your vehicle or fix up any kind of machinery. Horse shoeing on short notice.

J. J. VESTAL,
AT ROCK SHOP.

Read This

I will receive in a few days my stock of 3000 rolls of wall paper, the largest stock ever in Coke County. The very prettiest patterns and at low figures. W. K. Simpson.

Notice Tax Payers.

All parties owing taxes for 1906 should call at once and settle their taxes to save further costs in issuing executions etc. Will Hickman, Sheriff, Coke county.

The young ladies of the city will be delighted to know that W. J. McFarland has bought a fine horse from M. C. Jones at \$150 which he will work to his handsome new buggy.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if pazo salve fails to cure.

The Finest

IN COKE COUNTY.

620 acres, two miles from Robert Lee, county seat, 225 acres in farm, in two fields, three pastures, 8 miles of fence, cedar posts and wire, all first-class tilable land. Main house 7 rooms ceiled throughout, 95x8 feet; of gallery, three rent houses, plenty firewood and well watered, water from 15 to 35 feet of surface freestone water, independent phone system to main house. Price \$22 per acre, half cash, rest in five equal payments with 8 per cent interest per annum, last note payable five years from date. If sold soon or before season is too far gone will arrange about rent or make notes draw interest after Oct. 1, 1907, and will only require a thousand or so dollars paid before Oct. 1, 1907

J. E. GREER, Exclusive Agent.

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New or Second-Hand

Furniture or anything in second hand goods at the very lowest prices go to or write

T. W. HENNING,
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Feed! Feed.

See Sparks, the feed man, oats 65c per bushel, pure home ground corn chops. South side Square.

LOST—A sorrel mule, about 12 or 15 years old, unshod, in poor condition. Last seen near Doc Wall's place. Will pay \$2.50 for recovery. Address Ben Tubb, Sanco, Texas.

Hubert H. Pearce received two handsome presents this week which was highly appreciated. One was a handsome suit of clothes from W. S. Robertson, of Smith & Robertson, lumber dealers of San Angelo, and the other was a handsome watch and chain from E. E. Millican of Pecan.

—Big line of Queen'sware and Enameled ware just received at Lane Hardware Co. We have what you want at the price.

—When in need of any groceries don't forget the number 40.

..GENERAL REPAIRING..

We have recently opened up a blacksmith shop north of the Rob't Lee Real Estate Co., and are prepared to do your repair work.

...ADAMS & MANNING...

I Have Moved

From Bronte to Robert Lee where I will be found at the Postoffice building with a full line of Books, Magazine, Stationery, Daily Papers and Racket Goods.

Subscriptions taken for all papers and magazines

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THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP

For all Coughs and assists in expelling Colds from the system by gently moving the bowels. A certain relief for group and whooping-cough. Nearly all other cough cures are constipating, especially those containing Opium. Kennedy's Laxative Honey & Tar moves the bowels, contains no Opium.

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KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

WITH **Dr. King's New Discovery**
FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS
Price 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.
Surest and Quickest Cure for all THROAT and LUNG TROUBLES, or MONEY BACK.

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Most complete in the Southwest. All the latest songs, marches, waltzes, etc. at HALF PRICE. All postpaid. Please, Organ, Violin, and other instruments. Write for catalogue and prices. Back of "Old Time Song" P. O. Box, ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.
HANDLES THE CELEBRATED

Hoffman House Rye and Kentucky Smile

Besides all other leading brands of Liquors, Wines and cigars. A First-class pool and Billiard Hall. Mail orders promptly filled.

CRENSHAW & WHITE, Prop'r's.

TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

I am now proprietor of the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail line and I want to serve you when traveling between these points. I have a first-class service. Fare, one way, \$2 round trip, \$3. Time limited to one week. Special attention given express and packages.

DAWSON & ACTON,
PROPRIETORS

Partners of the Tide

By
JOSEPH C. LINCOLN
Author of "Cap'n Est"

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Continued from last week.

When Bradley started for school the next day his head was ringing with instructions from the old maids concerning his behavior and attention to his studies.

"Now, be a good boy, Bradley," said Miss Prissy.

"Yes, Bradley," said Miss Tempy. "Remember, we expect a great deal of you. All our people have been smart scholars."

"Just as he turned into the main road he heard some one calling and turned to see his acquaintance of yesterday, the girl next door, running to catch up, her hood slipped back from her hair and a dented tin pail in her hand. Being a girl, Gus carried her noon luncheon during the winter months instead of coming home to eat it.

On the way to school they met another girl, whom Gus introduced as Clara Hopkins, a chum of hers. "She's tiptop. I sit with her. She's got most as many checks as I have," was her recommendation.

Upstairs at the schoolhouse was a large room, with rows of double desks on each side and a wide aisle in the center. One side of the aisle was the girls' side, and the other was for the boys. Mr. Daniels stiffly shook hands with the new scholar, asked him some questions concerning his progress in his studies and showed him where he should sit. The more advanced pupils occupied the desks at the rear of the room, and the younger ones—Bradley among them—sat in front. Bradley's seat mate was an older boy than he, rather good looking, with curly hair. His name, so he whispered before school began, was Sam Hammond.

At recess Bradley went out on the playground for a little while, but he felt rather lonesome among so many stragglers and returned to the schoolroom. It was empty, the teacher taking his customary "constitutional" in the yard. After a few minutes Gus came bounding in.

"Why, Brad," she exclaimed, "where've you been? I've been lookin' for you. Why didn't you come on out?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied the boy. "I don't know any of the fellows yet."

"Well, you're goin' to know 'em. Oh, my goodness! Winfield!"

The stub tailed dog sat panting at her feet, three inches of red tongue hanging from its mouth.

"You naughty, naughty dog!" cried Gus almost in tears. "How dare you! Go home this minute!"

"Go home, Winfield!" commanded Bradley, coming to the rescue.

Winfield had gone home by the shed route already that morning and didn't propose to do it again. When his mistress tried to catch him he retreated to a safe distance and wagged his tail.

"Oh, what shall we do?" wailed Gus. "Recess is 'most over, and if Mr. Daniels finds him here I don't know what'll happen!"

Bradley made a dash at the dog, and the latter started on the run about the room. At length they drove him out the "boys' door" at the other side. Finally, being penned in with both doors shut and thoroughly frightened, he dashed into the closet which was between the doors, and hid behind the wood box.

"Now," said Gus exultantly, "you watch that he don't get out, and I'll crawl in after him. Oh, my goodness, there's Mr. Daniels comin' now!"

The cowhide boots of the teacher were heard on the stairs. Bradley, in desperation, shut the closet door upon the imprisoned Winfield. Mr. Daniels stepped to the rope in the entry and gave it a pull. The bell above responded with a single note, and the scholars began to pour up the stairs.

"We will come to order," commanded the teacher, Bradley glancing across the aisle at Gus, saw that she was as white as the whitewashed wall.

"First class in arithmetic," said Mr. Daniels, and then from the closet came a long, dismal wailing. The first class in arithmetic stopped in its tracks and looked aghast. The whole school, with two exceptions, picked up its ears. The exceptions trembled.

"Ow-wow-wow!" came from the closet. Mr. Daniels strode across the floor and opened the door.

"Whose dog is this?" he demanded sternly.

No one answered.

"Come out of that!" commanded the teacher savagely. He reached behind the wood box and, seizing the covering Winfield by the scruff of the neck, tossed him into the room. "Whose dog is this?" he repeated.

Most of the scholars knew whose dog

it was, but none of them told.

"I asked a question!" thundered the master. "Who put that—that creature in the closet?"

Bradley looked at his fellow conspirator. Then he held up his hand. "I did," he said.

Mr. Daniels' mouth opened in surprise. New pupils did not usually begin in this way.

"You did?" he gasped.

"Yes, sir. He fol—I mean he came into the room when 'twas recess, and we—I tried to put him out, and he wouldn't go."

"So you shut him in the closet. Brilliant youth! As this is your first day here, I suppose I must stretch a point and believe it was not done on purpose. If it had been any other of the scholars I should have made an example of 'em. I am surprised that you should treat your little brother" (appreciative titter from the school) "in such a manner. You may put him out."

It was easy enough to command, but not so easy to do. The dog, frightened at the crowd, backed away when Bradley approached.

"Come here, Winfield," said the boy, his face a bright crimson. The school giggled at the name.

"Winfield?" repeated Mr. Daniels. "Why that name, if you please?"

"I—I don't know, sir."

"You don't know?"

"No, sir." And then the boy had a happy thought. "He's named after General Hancock, I guess."

General Winfield Scott Hancock, in his role of statesman, was very much in the public eye just at this time.

Mr. Daniels hesitated. He more than suspected the dog's real namesake, but he wasn't sure and, being a weak man, was afraid of making a mistake.

"Well, put the creature out!" he snarled, and then, losing his temper

and aiming a kick at the dog, he commanded, "Git out, you brute!"

That kick was a mistake. Winfield wasn't used to kicks, and this one scattered his doggish senses completely. He started on a panicky, yelping flight, hotly pursued by Bradley. Down the aisle by the "boys' side," across the back of the room among the feet of the "first class in arithmetic" and up the aisle by the "girls' side" sped the chase.

At the end of the second lap the entire school was in an uproar. Mr. Daniels, white with rage, took a hand in the pursuit, and his efforts and those of two or three more volunteers only made matters worse.

At length the dog, hemmed in on both sides, hesitated in the middle of the broad aisle. Suddenly he darted toward the closet once more. Mr. Daniels leaped to intercept him, tripped, struck the stool upon which the bucket of drinking water was placed and sprawled upon the floor in the center of a miniature flood, while Winfield, leaping over him, darted through the entry and down the stairs, a shrieking maniac.

The dripping Mr. Daniels was physically cool, but mentally very warm indeed. "Checks" were distributed with liberality and two boys were "ferruled" before 12 o'clock came. One of these sufferers was Bradley's seat mate, Sam Hammond.

Bradley went home alone. When the old maids asked him innumerable questions concerning how he "got along" at school he simply answered, "All right," and gave no details. Miss Tempy was somewhat worried at his silence and confided to her sister the fear that he had been "studyin' too hard." "All our people have been dreadful keen students," she said.

It was nearly 1 o'clock when the boy re-entered the school yard. As he did so a shout went up from a group near the fence.

"Here he is!" yelled one of the older boys. "Here's your bean, Gus. He won't let 'em plague his girl, you bet!"

"No," shouted Sam Hammond, "Gusty's all right now, ain't he? He'll take care of her."

"Gusty had a little dog; its fleece was black as a crow."

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"None of your business!" snapped Gus, who was in no mood to be friendly with any one. "You jest wait, Sam Hammond! I'll fix you! Got whipped in school? Ha, ha! Cry baby!" And she gave an exaggerated imitation of her enemy's facial contortions during the "feruling" that morning.

"Come on, Gus," interposed Clara Hopkins. "He isn't worth talkin' to. Come on, I've got somethin' to show you."

Gus reluctantly suffered herself to be led away amid the derisive hootings of Sam and his friends.

"Ain't you goin' with her?" asked Sam provokingly. "She wants her



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Braddy, so's to take care of her if Winfield comes to school again."

Bradley's temper was slow to rise, but it was rising now.

"Who are you talkin' to?" he demanded.

"You. Who do you s'pose?"

"Well, you'd better shut up."

"I had? S'pose I don't want to?"

"Then I'll make you—that's what!"

"You will?"

"Yes, I will."

"You ain't the size. Takes a man, not a monkey."

"I'll show you my size or not!"

"You boys w

and aimin' a kick at the dog, he commanded, "Git out, you brute!"

That kick was a mistake. Winfield wasn't used to kicks, and this one scattered his doggish senses completely. He started on a panicky, yelping flight, hotly pursued by Bradley. Down the aisle by the "boys' side," across the back of the room among the feet of the "first class in arithmetic" and up the aisle by the "girls' side" sped the chase.

At the end of the second lap the entire school was in an uproar. Mr. Daniels, white with rage, took a hand in the pursuit, and his efforts and those of two or three more volunteers only made matters worse.

At length the dog, hemmed in on both sides, hesitated in the middle of the broad aisle. Suddenly he darted toward the closet once more. Mr. Daniels leaped to intercept him, tripped, struck the stool upon which the bucket of drinking water was placed and sprawled upon the floor in the center of a miniature flood, while Winfield, leaping over him, darted through the entry and down the stairs, a shrieking maniac.

The dripping Mr. Daniels was physically cool, but mentally very warm indeed. "Checks" were distributed with liberality and two boys were "ferruled" before 12 o'clock came. One of these sufferers was Bradley's seat mate, Sam Hammond.

Bradley went home alone. When the old maids asked him innumerable questions concerning how he "got along" at school he simply answered, "All right," and gave no details. Miss Tempy was somewhat worried at his silence and confided to her sister the fear that he had been "studyin' too hard." "All our people have been dreadful keen students," she said.

It was nearly 1 o'clock when the boy re-entered the school yard. As he did so a shout went up from a group near the fence.

"Here he is!" yelled one of the older boys. "Here's your bean, Gus. He won't let 'em plague his girl, you bet!"

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Bradley, with direful thoughts of self destruction in his mind, twisted his new cap into a ball, but said nothing.

"He says you were fightin' and there was somethin' else," said Miss Prissy. "Tell the whole story now—every word."

The boy began slowly. He told of shutting the dog in the closet, but was interrupted by the older sister, who demanded to know whose dog it was.

"Whose was it?" she asked. "Why don't you answer? Don't you know?"

"Yes'm."

"Then whose was it?"

Bradley shifted his feet uneasily on the mat.

"I ain't goin' to tell," he muttered sullenly.

"Ain't goin' to tell? Why, I ney!" She was interrupted. The door behind Bradley flew open, and Gus appeared, tearful, but determined.

"Miss Prissy and Miss Tempy," she began, "don't you scold Bradley—don't you, now, a bit! It was all my fault, every mite of it. Oh, dear, dear!"

And, with sobs and amid the ejaculations of the astonished sisters, she told the whole story, omitting nothing and sparing herself not the least. When the recital was finished Miss Prissy was the first to comment upon it.

"Well," she exclaimed, "this is the most—I never did—There, Tempy, if this ain't a lesson in keepin' bad company, then I don't know. Augusty, you'd better go home, I think."

Gus looked at Bradley appealingly, then at the sisters, and, with another burst of sobs, flung herself out of the door and slammed it behind her.

"That awful dog girl!" sputtered Miss Tempy. "I knew what she was from the time she spoiled this very floor with her dreadful critters. Bradley Nickerson, don't you ever speak to her again. Now promise."

But that promise the boy would not make, although the argument lasted for an hour and ended in his being sent to his room without his supper.

"It looks to me," said Miss Prissy that night, "as if we'd got about as much on our hands as you and me could handle, Tempy."

"It certainly does," agreed her sister nervously. "I think it's our duty to ask Cap'n Titcomb's advice right off."

CHAPTER IV.

WHEN the captain called, which he did the next forenoon, the tale of Bradley's eventful first day at school was told him in all its harrowing completeness. Miss Prissy, by previous agreement, acted as story teller, and Miss Tempy was a sort of chorus, breaking in every few moments to supply a neglected detail or comment on a particular feature.

"And we didn't know what to do," concluded Miss Prissy. "He wan't goin' to tell us whose dog it was, and—" "I don't b'lieve he ever would have told," broke in Miss Tempy. "if that 'dog girl' herself hadn't come bouncin' in, and—"

"And he won't promise not to speak to her again, neither," continued the older sister. "We sent him to bed without any supper!"

"That is, any real supper," interrupted the chorus. "Of course we took up some cookies and things when we found he wouldn't come down, but—" "And he won't promise this mornin'," and he went to school without provisions. What do you think we ought to do, Cap'n Titcomb?"

"She's noisy and a tomboy," said Miss Prissy decidedly.

"Yes," said Miss Tempy; "and she likes those dreadful dogs."

"Um—hum," answered their visitor, with unimpeachable seriousness. "Of course that's a terrible drag, but maybe she'll cut 'em adrift when she gits older."

"Well, we don't like her," said Miss Prissy, with decision. "And we wish you'd speak to Bradley about it. You know," she added, looking down, "I put a lot of dependence in your judgment, Cap'n Titcomb."

"So do I," said Miss Tempy quickly; "jest as much as Prissy does. I b'lieve in you absolutely, Cap'n Ezra."

"Yes, yes, of course," hurriedly replied the captain. "Well, I'll speak to the boy by and by and see what I can do."

"Brad," he said, as they came out of the Allen gate after dinner, "what's this I hear 'bout you gittin' the rope's end yesterday? Never mind spinnin' the whole yarn. I cal'late I've heard the most of it. You and the Hammond boy had a scrimmage, too, didn't you?"

"Yes, sir," said Bradley doggedly.

"Hum! Think you'd have licked him if the skipper hadn't took a hand?" Bradley looked up at his questioner, saw the twinkle in his eye and answered with a sheepish grin: "Don't know. Guess I'd have tried mighty hard."

The captain roared, "—primum vobis ly you would," he chuckled. "I understand you've sort of took that little Baker craft next door in tow. She seems like a smart girl. Do you like her?"

"Yes, sir."

"I judge Prissy and Tempy wouldn't

enter her for the cup. Now, Brad, mind I ain't coaxin' you to go back on a friend, but the old maids—that is, your ladies at home, have set out to make a man of you. They're your owners, and you're expected to sail 'cordin' to their orders. If there's one thing that I've always stuck to it's 'Obey orders or break owners.' Sometimes owners' orders don't jibe exactly with your own ideas, but never mind—they pay the wages, see?"

"She's a good girl," said the boy stoutly. "She came in and took my part when she didn't have to, and I like her. And I won't promise not to speak to her, neither."

The captain looked down at the lad's square jaw and whistled.

"Well," he said, "I don't b'lieve you need to promise, but don't whoop too loud about it. Run as close to the wind as you can, and don't carry all sail in a two reef breeze jest to show you ain't afraid to. Catch my drift?"

"Yes, sir," answered Bradley, rather doubtfully. "You mean be chums with the girl, but don't tell Miss Prissy and Miss Tempy about it."

"No-o." Captain Ezra looked somewhat put out by the literal interpretation. "That ain't jest it. Be—well, be easy, and— Oh, thunder! Let it go at that. I guess you know what I mean. How do you think you're goin' to like your school?"

Bradley answered, "Pretty well. I guess, when I get more used to it;" but, although he did not say so, he was certain that it would take some time to get used to it. As a matter of fact, however, that very lively first day was the only serious trouble for him during the entire term. He was quick to learn and so found little difficulty with his studies and advanced as rapidly as other boys of his age. As for his behavior, it was no worse than that of any other healthy youngster. At the end of the year he was "promoted"—that is, he was no longer a member of the fourth class, but instead proudly left his seat when the third was called.

Gus was "promoted" also, much to the surprise of the "old maids," who could not believe there was any good in the "dog girl." They gradually ceased to urge the boy not to have anything to do with her, for the very good reason that in this matter their urging was of no avail. They grew to understand their colt better as the months passed, and they learned just how tight a rein it was advisable to draw.

Bradley also grew to understand the sisters. He discovered that Miss Prissy was the business woman and that she paid all the bills, bought all the household supplies and did it without consulting Miss Tempy, whom she treated as a sort of doll with a mechanism that must not be jarred.

Bradley made friends among the village boys and did not make any violent enemies. He had his interrupted fight "out" with Sam Hammond and emerged a conqueror with a black eye and a swollen nose, which were the cause of his being in disgrace at home for a week. Also he joined the "Jolly club," a secret society that met on Saturday afternoons in "Snuppy" Black's barn.

During the long summer vacation there were chores to do, but there was also all sorts of fun along shore, digging clams on the flats, spearing flat-fish along the edge of the channels or rare and much prized trips to the fish weirs where the nets were hauled. Captain Titcomb came home in August for an intended stay of two weeks, and he made the boy happy by taking him for an all day sail and blue fishing excursion off Setucket Point.

That fishing trip had unexpected and fateful results. The captain had called on Miss Prissy and her sister the morning of his arrival in Orham and, as was his custom, had brought each of them a present—exactly alike, of course. He had promised to dine at the Allen house the following Sunday. But it happened that Peleg Myrick wanted to make one of his infrequent visits to the mainland that week, and he seized the opportunity to hail the catboat containing Bradley and Captain Ezra as it passed his quayside dory and beg for a passage up.

Mr. Peleg Myrick was a hermit. He lived alone in a little two room shanty on the beach about half a mile from Setucket Point. He owned a concertina that squeaked and wailed and a Mexican dog—gift of a wrecked skipper—that shivered all the time and howled when the concertina was played. Peleg was certain that the howling was an attempt at singing and boasted that Skeezicks—that was the dog's name—had an "ear for music jest like a human."

Among his other accomplishments Mr. Myrick numbered that of weather prophet. He boasted that he could "smell a storm further 'n a cat can smell fish." It was odd, but he really did seem able to foretell or guess what the weather would be along the Orham coast, and the longshoremen swore by his prophecies.

He was a great talker when he had any one to talk to and was a gossip whose news items were usually about three months old. Captain Ezra appreciated odd characters, and he welcomed the chance to get a little fun out of Peleg.

"Well, Peleg," said the captain as

Continued next week.

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A Toast to Laughter

The country editor writes of sadness and of gladness all in the same hour. Unlike his brother of the metropolis, the editor of the "home paper" knows personally nearly all of whom he writes. Every joy that comes to the readers is a joy to the country editor, and every sorrow brings home to the country scribe its heart pulls.

The gigantic paper is somewhat of a soulless thing, because the reporter is assigned to his task, and makes the type tell the story of souls, known to him only because there is the story there to make him acquainted with the happenings. But the country newspaper scribe sees the picture before him as he writes of the joy or the sorrow of those concerned.

Perhaps, then, the country editor is the most susceptible to sentiment, and, perhaps, it is he who the more appreciates the heart music.

A philosopher of sunshine once called laughter "the music of the heart" and it is.

Here, then, is a toast to laughter by some editor of the craft. "Of what paper?" You may ask. Well we don't know, but the song is in the toast just the same, and it doesn't matter about the author. Perhaps he will read this, and perhaps he will not; but the sunshine of the author will be scattered just the same, and that's the motive of

the editor, whoever he may be:
A TOAST

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaven of youth the privilege of purity, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the head of the cup of pleasure; it dispels dejection, banishes blues, and mangles melancholy; for its the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief; it is what kings envy peasants, plutocrats envy the poor, guilty envy the innocent; 'tis the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the waters, delight the glint of the gold of gladness; without it humor would be dumb wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for it's a glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness.—Exchange.

Saved Her Son's Life.

The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure by Evans & Lyster Druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John E. Davis

Austin, Feb. 18th.

Unusual activity and considerable progress has marked the work of the Legislature during the past week. It is true that considerable time has been taken up in discussing some of the most important measures and this to the people who do not understand the situation appears to be a waste of time. The many bills of minor importance that are rushed through in a hurry do not attract the attention of the general public and to a large extent are overlooked. On the other hand the bills that are of sufficient importance to attract the attention of the people of the State are important enough that they take the time of the Legislature in the matter of detail. That these measures are deliberated with care is a good thing for the State because a measure of far reaching importance can either be a very good or a very bad thing and it is well that time should be taken to allow the bad features to be detected.

Wants Street Car Straps Abolished.

It is often asserted by reasonably informed people that the trouble with Texas is that we have too many laws and that more good could be accomplished by repealing certain laws than by passing an equal number of new ones. It is at least a safe proposition to say that if all the bills introduced in the Legislature were enacted into laws, then the Legislature ought to be abolished. Fortunately, however, the great majority of the bills presented are promptly sent to the graveyard. Among the bills introduced recently which ought not to and will not likely pass is one by Representative Martin, making it a fineable offense for a street car company to receive passengers beyond the seating capacity of the cars. Of course, it would be very nice if you could always obtain a seat in the car, but as it is impossible for the street car company to know how many people are going to want to ride on a car, they can't be held responsible unless they have more cars than they have passengers. The bill is a good one, but it is not likely to pass.

It has been the custom heretofore for the Legislature to adjourn for a few days in order to allow the entire membership or all those who cared to go, to accept the invitation of some city and the railroads, to go off on a pleasure trip. During the Twenty-eighth Legislature a special train was provided and they went to Galveston on a pleasure trip, leaving Austin Friday and returning Monday night. Two years later in the Twenty-ninth they attended the celebration of Washington's birthday at Laredo, Texas, and witnessed a bull-fight at New Laredo, Mexico. So far, however, no such trip has been planned for this Legislature and it is not believed that there will be. Of course committees will visit the various State institutions, but that is necessary and is provided for by law.

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To Reduce Railroad Fare to 2½ cents.

The bill by Representative Thomas of Fannin to reduce the passenger rate in Texas to 2½ cents per mile for adults and 1½ cents for children is being met by strong opposition at the hands of the railroads. The bill is now in Committee and Railroad Commissioner Colquitt is to appear before the Committee tomorrow in support of the measure. That the Committee will report the bill favorably seems to be a foregone conclusion and the author feels confident of its passage.

Anti-Free Pass Bill May Fail.

The anti-free pass bill which took up so much of the time of the Senate has passed that body and in its present form is a stringent measure. No persons other than employees of the railroads and peace officers when in pursuit of a criminal are allowed to ride on a free pass. Members of the families of railroad officers and employees can ride on a free pass only when changing their residence. The bill, if it should pass, would also deprive ministers of the gospel of the half rate privilege which they now enjoy. It also prohibits newspapers from making contracts to run advertising for railroads in exchange for mileage. It is practically assured that the bill will not pass the House in its present form and many who at first believed that an anti-free pass bill would pass at this Legislature, now seriously doubt if any legislation of this character will be enacted at this session.

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To Make the Candi

Representative T believes that when a self as a candidate the people are entitled to know just what connection, if any, he has with any corporation. In conformity to that idea he has introduced a bill in the House providing that when any candidate announces for office he shall within ten days thereafter make public a sworn statement showing his connection with any and all corporations with which he may be connected in any capacity.

Political Pot Beginning to Boil.

The Legislature is a regular political incubator as far as State politics is concerned as the men with aspirations to hold State offices always make their wishes known to the members of the Legislature before final adjournment. In a few weeks we can give a list from which it is reasonably certain that the people will have to select State officers next year.

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S. L. Apple, ex Probate Judge, Ottaway Co., Kansas, writes: "This to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.
FOR SALE—Light Brahma eggs, setting of 16 for \$1.00, guaranteed to be fresh and pure blood. Two fine Cockerels and six hens for sale. C. A. Gates.

Worked Like A Charm
Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spicy journal, the Enterprise, Louisa Va., says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals every sore, burn and skin disease. Guaranteed Evans and Lyster Druggists. 25c.
To RENT—I have 30 acres of land to rent. H. D. Pearce.

Last Sunday evening a scene was pictured in Ballinger that was a disgrace to any civilized community. In a prominent alley about fifty white men Negroes and Mexicans, together with a lot of boys ranging in age from twelve years up, were assembled and spending the Sabbath in matching coins for the money, straight out gambling, nothing more or less. Sheriff Kirk made a raid on the crowd, and put the small boys to flight, but had no authority under the present status of things to stop the gambling, and it continued until dark. A white man that will place himself on the same plane with a negro by indulging in such practice is no better than a negro, and has no respect for himself, family or race. It is to be hoped that the present legislature will make a law that will be as strict on this species of gambling as on any other, for it is certainly more degrading than a game of poker, and creates a gambling spirit for the boy who easily learns the game.—Ballinger Banner-Leader.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves signature is on each box. 25c.

League Program.
Leader—Miss Sallie Lyster.
Subject—The Duty of Testimony.
Scripture Lesson by leader.
Prayer.
Song.
Bible references on subject.
Remarks on lesson by Rev. W. K. Simpson.
Select reading—Jewel Sims.
Duet—Lena Simpson and Willie Barron.
Recitation—Lee Roe.

—2240 acres of land all fenced, 2-room house, (new) three hundred acres good farming land. Balance good pasture land, two good tanks, one well, plenty of wood, 6 miles Southwest of Bronte, near Orient Railroad. Price \$6 per acre, part cash balance easy terms at 8 per cent. Call on Robert Lee, Real Estate Co.
The many friends of Miss Mae Stuart will be glad to learn that she has fully recovered from her recent severe spell of fever and is again at her post of duty with the Robert Lee Mercantile Co.
Tom Brown of Silver was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Did You Ever Stop to Think

AUSTIN SPENCER,

Of San Angelo, is Selling

Clothing, Shoes... and Ladies' Goods,

At less than manufacturer's price visit his store every day.

A Fine Line of Men's Suits, and Youths' Suits, Dry Good, Clothing, Etc.

\$7.98, \$6.25 and \$3.25.

Don't Fail to Make this Place a Call and Get Prices.

Cured Consumption
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan. writes, My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

Take your hides to H. H. Sigman & Co., San Anelgo.
We think that it is about time to bring the Bailey investigation to a close, for it is becoming monotonous to the people, and we can't see that either side is gaining anything by their wrangling.
—High grade groceries and fruits at E. I. Rushing & Co.

The northern part of the State is in the throes of a blizzard and the people are actually burning houses, corn, wheat, and, in fact, anything that will burn, to keep from freezing to death. But here we are basking in the sunshine of balmy spring weather, with the doves cooing, fish biting, farmers busy plowing, really makes us feel sorry for our northern brother.

Invaluable For Rheumatism.
I have been suffering for the past two years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains. March 24, 02: John C. Degnan, Kinsman Ills. 25c, 50c and 1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.
The Thaw trial, Bailey investigation, Brownsville affair, mine horrors and railroad wrecks seems to be the daily routine of the state press.

Notice.
Parties who are due me for professional services will do me a great favor to call and settle with Chas. Escue. I am needing the money to complete my studies. F. K. Turney, M. D.
H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, will pay you the highest market price for your hides

My New Stock of Goods.

I have added a new line of up-to-date goods since the first to both my dry goods and grocery line and am now ready to serve you at the lowest prices.

J. L. BARRON.

Found At Last
J. A. Harmon, of Llanerze, West Va., says: At last I have found the perfect pill that never disappoints me; and for the benefit of others afflicted with torpid liver and chronic constipation, will say: take Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed satisfactory. 25c at Evans & Lyster Druggist.
To Those Who Owe Us.
The firm of McCallum, Reed & Co. has changed and we are very anxious to close up the business of the old firm. All parties indebted to us will please call at once and make settlement. MCCALLUM, REED & CO.

THE ANGELO PAINT CO.,

THE ONLY EXCLUSIVE

Paint and Wall Paper House

IN SAN ANGELO.

WRITE OR CALL ON US FOR SAMPLES.

OUR GROCERY HOUSE

Is filled with the best Groceries, Produce, and Feed Stuffs. When in San Angelo visit us, make your wants known and get prices. Bring us your Chickens, Eggs and Butter. We pay highest prices.

BRANCH & WILLIAMS.

Coke County Abstract Co., is now making an abstract of C. C. Hudson's ranch, cutting the same into 30 blocks. This land is to be sold to actual settlers. About two-thirds of the land is already sold.
—See the new line of dishes at the Racket Store.

Say? Why don't you sell your COTTON SEED C. A. Brick,

Will buy them and pay you the highest market price. See him when you decide to sell.

At San Angelo,
At Cox Bros. Store.

Don't Forget We Want Cotton Seed.

GROW WITH A GROWING BANK

WE REGARD the steadily continued growth of this institution as a credit to the enterprise of our business community as well as an evidence of the esteem in which our officers and our business policies and methods are held. We invite you to make this bank the clearing house of your financial affairs. We want the small accounts of individuals as well as the larger business of firms and corporations. The wage earner has need of the bank as well as the business man. Open an account with even a small amount, pay all your bills with checks, and see how much better you get along.

THE ROBERT LEE BANK

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Subscribe for the Observer.
—The latest collars at the Mercantile.
Rev. Long preached to good congregation at Sanco Sunday.
—A full car of Territory corn just received at the Robert Lee Livery Stable.
J. T. Williams will have his new drug store open next week.
—Everything in groceries, the very best, at W. H. Bell & Co.
Rev. J. C. Johnson left Monday for a visit of ten days to points in the Indian Territory.
—Buy your stock food from J. E. Barron.
—Seed oats at R. I. Rushing & Co.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barron visited relatives at Sterling.

For Sale—Pair of good mules well matched, 7 years old. Apply to W. R. Preshar, Sanco Texas. 34-3.

Silas Izard, the Monument man of San Angelo was in the city Tuesday looking after business here.

—Seed oats at R. I. Rushing & Co.

W. H. Hall paid San Angelo a business visit Tuesday returning the same day.

LOST—A bundle of gingham, lost between McCallum-Reed Co. and my residence last Thursday J. C. Newton.

H. H. Pearce went to San Angelo on business Monday, returning Tuesday.

Fresh line of best flour in town. I still buy in car lots. R. I. Rushing & Co.

Brodie Lyster, was in San Angelo a few days this week on business.

John Rau, with the Wylie Hardware Co., San Angelo was in the city Monday in the interest of his firm.

—If you want good corn go to the Robert Lee Livery Stable. They have just received a car of Territory corn.

Tom Patterson, manager of the Wylie Hardware Co., at San Angelo, was in the city Monday and Tuesday on business.

FOR SALE—I have a lot of big boll cotton seed at 25c per bushel. J. Z. Martin

John Pattenon paid Colorado City a business visit Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

—Tell your lumber wants to J. H. Burroughs. He will lay your lumber on the ground for you at low down figures.

Caleb Barron sold to J. B. Fikes 320 acres at \$11 per acre and to J. W. Baze 225 acres at \$7 per acre out of his ranch north of town

—Feed oats at R. I. Rushing & Co.

—Let J. H. Burroughs figure your lumber bill. He represents Smith & Robertson, and will figure your bill, either delivered in San Angelo or put on the ground.

Mrs. G. A. Rabin of the Hayrick community was in the city Tuesday and remembered the Observer with a subscription to her son and herself and also for the Dallas News.

—Each 50c cash purchase entitles you to a coupon, one of which gets the \$85 buggy now on exhibit at our store. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Harry Hall left Tuesday for Stanton where he will spend several days visiting his brother, Joe Hall who is in the drug business at that place.

I will not sell any more wood in my pasture. Parties needing wood will leave orders at the Lane Hardware Co. M. Long.

—Phone your orders for fresh groceries, best goods and lowest prices. W. H. Bell & Co.

Contractor J. H. Burroughs has a squad of carpenters engaged remodeling the Methodist church, which will be a hand some church building when completed.

—Smith and Robertson have secured J. H. Burroughs as their representative. Let them figure your lumber bill.

—Seed oats at R. I. Rushing & Co.

Wylie Hardware Co

Kindly call on us when in town or send us your order for anything in the **HARDWARE LINE.**

**Eclipse Windmills,
Fairbanks-Morse Engines,
Bain Wagons,
J. I. Case, Standard, P. & O.
Implements,
Columbus and Staver Buggies,**

Are all good and we will appreciate your business.

Wylie Hardware Co.,

San Angelo, Texas.

—High grade groceries and fruits at R. I. Rushing & Co.

New Goods Daily

Our new Spring Stock is in the Dress Goods Department. You will find almost everything more complete than now.

—Wash Goods, Ready-to-wear Goods Notions and Staples.

In fact, our entire stock is almost complete and up-to-date. You will find us ever ready to serve and please you.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Ask Your Own Doctor

If he tells you to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for your severe cough or bronchial trouble, then take it. If he has anything better, then take that. But we know what he will say; for doctors have used this cough medicine over 60 years.

I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for hard, moist, and coughs, and indigestion. It has done me great good and I believe it is the best cough medicine in the world for all throat and lung troubles. — E. C. STUART, Albany, Oregon.

Ayer's
SARAPARILLA
PILLS
HAIR VIGOR

Keep the bowels open with one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime, just one.

Clerk Gardner issued marriage license the past week to Mr. Grover Turpin and Miss Anna Patton and J. F. Bush and Miss Jessie May.

—Best 5 cent cigar in town at the Racket Store.

Last week in reporting bills allowed by the Commissioners' Court we had that Tom Goss was allowed \$3.80 for 28 pounds of nails which should have read 78 pounds of nails at \$3.80.

—For the freshest of eatables, phone No. 40.

—If You Have to be Sick—

You want the best and purest drugs to be had. Our stock

—OF—

DRUGS And MEDICINES

Are the purest and best money can buy. Our prescriptions are filled by a regular registered pharmacist and they are given the most careful attention. Our toilet articles and druggists' Sundries are well selected, and our prices are as low as it is possible to make them.

The City Drug Store,
P. D. Coulson and Son, Props.

A cross and peevish child is not natural. There is something wrong. Usually it's the stomach. Use Cascasweet and put the stomach right, and the sunshine will return to the baby's face. Cascasweet is best for babies and children. 50 doses 25cents. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

—Seed oats at R. I. Rushing & Co.

Rev. W. A. Knight, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Pledger of San Angelo, have been conducting a very successful meeting at that church the past week, which will continue until Sunday.

—We are engaged exclusively in the land business, and we study the land business and push the land business. List your land, your town property or your stock with us and watch it move.

You should be very careful of your bowels when you have a cold. Nearly all other cough syrups are constipating, especially those containing opiates. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels—contains no opiates. Conforms to National Pure Food and Drugs Law. Bears the endorsement of mothers everywhere. Children like its pleasant taste. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Dean West and Prof. VanBurkeleo have been exercising themselves in the court house yard this week by grubbing up the mesquites.

I forbid anyone from hauling rock or gravel off of my place on Mountain Creek.
H. P. Powers.

LISTEN, MEAT USERS

WE have recently bought the Etheredge & McLaughlin Meat Market and consolidated the two markets. We want your trade when you want good tender fresh meat of any kind. We are now better prepared than ever before to serve you with the choicest and tenderest beef at former prices. We solicit your patronage and thank you for past favors.

BUCHANAN & TAYLOR

The Butchers.

The following simple home-made mixture is said to readily relieve and overcome any form of rheumatism by forcing the kidneys to filter from the blood and system all the uric acid and poisonous waste matter, relieving at once such symptoms as backache, weak kidneys and bladder and blood diseases.

Try it, it doesn't cost much to make, and is said to be absolutely harmless to the stomach.

Get the following harmless ingredients from any good pharmacy: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Mix by shaking well in a bottle, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and again at bedtime.

This simple mixture is said to give prompt relief, and there are very few cases of rheumatism and kidney troubles it will fail to cure permanently.

These are all harmless, everyday drugs, and your druggist should keep them in the prescription department; if not, have him order them from the wholesale houses for you, rather than fail to use this, if you are afflicted.

Always Keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

"We would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is kept on hand continually in our home," says W. W. Kearney, editor of the Independent, Lowry City, Mo.

That is just what every family should do. When kept at hand ready for instant use, a cold may be checked at the outset and cured in much less time than after it has become settled in the system. This remedy is also without a peer for croup in children, and will prevent the attack when given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, which can only be done when the remedy is kept at hand. For sale by Evans and Lyster.

D. M. West Robbed.

Times are so prosperous in West Texas at present that even men who have deserted the newspaper field and gone back to their first love—the ministry, have money and it seems that even burglars are aware of this fact. Rev. D. M. West went to Ballinger Sunday to preach. That night he stayed with J. N. Adams, a friend. In the night some unscrupulous person entered the room and took from the preacher's pants \$5. The preacher missed the aforesaid money and wishes that he might be able to find the culprit just to be able to tell him about it.—San Angelo News.

Moral—Don't quit the newspaper business, you are liable to get robbed.

Afflicted With Rheumatism.

"I was and am yet afflicted with rheumatism," says Mr. J. C. Bane, editor of the Herald, Addington, Indian Territory, "but thanks to Chamberlain's Pain Balm am able once more to attend to business. It is the best of liniments. If troubled with rheumatism give Pain Balm a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. One application relieves the pain. For sale by Evans & Fyster.

—Don't fail to see the latest in combs, belts, purses and collars at the Mercantile.

R. W. Houston was in from the Valley View neighborhood Monday. He says plowing is in full swing out his way.

W. R. Blystone while digging a well for Harry Campbell this week found a large tooth which probably belonged to a mastadon. It was imbedded in rock at a depth of 14 feet.

Our New Clubbing Rates

We will send the Observer and any of the following papers will be sent one year for the price named opposite.

- San Angelo Standard \$2.00.
- Dallas Semi Weekly News \$1.75
- Bryan's Commoner \$1.50.
- Houston Semily-Weekly Post \$1.50.
- Fort Worth Semi-W Record \$1.50.
- Atlanta Constitution \$1.50.

Now is the time to secure your reading matter for the year at a nominal cost. Call and let us enroll your name or address.

The **Rob** *Observer.*

The Cotton Movement

The movement of cotton at all United States ports since September 1 to January 11, was 6,422,905 bales, against 5,333,173 last year, and 6,215,208 bales for the preceding year. This does not include the overland movement, which would bring the figures to 9,728,000 bales for the first 133 days of this season against 7,413,000 for last, and 8,411,000 for that preceding.

All mill takings have increased materially.

The total visible is a strong feature of the situation.

Hester reports the world's visible on January 11, 5,374,000 against 5,425,000 last season at that date.

—New Combs Bags and Belts at the Mercantile.

The boys tell it on Judge Greer that he actually got up before breakfast Saturday morning. "We're from Missouri."

Give Health, Vigor and Tone

Herbine is a boon for sufferers from anemia. By its use the blood is quickly regenerated and the color becomes normal. The drooping strength is revived. The languor is diminished. Health, vigor and tone predominate. Now life and happy activity results. Mrs. Belle H. Shriel, Middlesborough, Ill. writes, "I have been troubled with liver complaint and poor blood, and have found nothing to benefit me like Herbine. I hope never to be without it. I have wished that I had known it in my husband's life time." 50 cents. Evans & Lyster.

An Appreciated Letter.

The editor is in receipt of a very much appreciated letter from our former excellent citizen R. M. Stephens and we take the liberty to publish it below.

It is just such encouraging words that scatter sunshine along the path of a humble editor who is striving to do his best. We feel sure Mr. Stephens will pardon us for the publicity given the private communication.

Robert Lee Tex, Feb. 11, 1907. Editor Messenger:

Enclosed find \$1 on subscription. My conscience began to gnaw at me and when it gnaws again I will send another dollar. Keep the Messenger coming, as it is like getting letters from home. Miles and Miles people will always hold a warm corner in my affections. I admire your paper and its principles. The free state of Coke is there with the goods. A great deal of cotton not picked yet. There has been ginned at Lee something near 4,400 bales. The farmers mostly are behind with their work.

Robert Lee is building up very rapidly. New houses everywhere you look. We will soon have a substantial jail as the Bond Issue carried nearly unanimously.

Wishing you a long and successful voyage through life. Yours Respectfully,

R. M. Stephens. —Miles Messenger.

—Sherwin-Williams paints are the best. Sold at the Lane Hardware Co.

The Very Best Passenger Service in Texas.

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Superb Pullman vestibuled Sleepers and handsome reclining chair cars, seats free, on all through trains. Only line with fast morning and evening trains to St. Louis and the east. Only line with Pullman sleepers and high back Scarritt seat coaches through, without change, to New Orleans daily. Only line with hand some new chair cars through, without change daily to St. Louis, Memphis and El Paso. Only line with a saving of 12 hours to California. Only line with Tourist sleeping cars semi-weekly through, without change, to San Francisco and St. Louis. Elegant dining cars to St. Louis on.....

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